



**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
September 21st, 2025

**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 kmotzko@stmarydelano.org

**Formed.org** sign in under St. Boniface.

MASS SCHEDULE / Intentions		
Sat 20th	4pm	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Sun 21st	8:30am	James Motzko, Sr+
Tues 23rd	6:30pm	Special Intention
Wed 24th	8:30am	Thanksgiving
Thur 25th	8:30am	Marjorie Robertson+
Fri 26th	8:30am	Brenda Cole+
Sat 27th	4pm	George & Eleanor Salonek+
Sun 28th	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 and Liturgy of the Hours** after each weekday Mass (the iBreviary app may be used for the LOH)

Lector and Sacristan Schedule	
Sept 20th	Tracy A (L/S), Jim & George (U)
Sept 21st	Deb D (L/S), Jim O' & Gene G (U)
Sept 27th	George & Sue (L/S), Don G & volunteer (U)
Sept 28th	Theisens (L/S), Jim Otto & Joe N (U)

*For The Sake of His Sorrowful Passion, Have Mercy on Us and On The Whole World*

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

Punishment has negative connotations to it. Actually, just punishment is important and should be done as God shows us.

We are called to be obedient to God. When we are not, there are consequences, one of which is just punishment. Because God always commands us to the good, when we do not do good (do evil) it hinders us from being who He calls us to be, it wounds our relationship with Him turning us away from Him, and it limits (prevents) our happiness. Because God loves us and wants us to follow Him, there usually are negative consequences to sin which He allows one of which is punishment. Punishment might seem to be a bad thing (yes we do not want to be punished) but punishment helps us to sin no more, it discourages us from wanting to sin, and it is good. If God (who is all good) gives it, then it must be good. Sometimes we can view someone (like a parent) who is giving punishment as being mean but that is not true. Just punishment can be given to someone and can be an act of love. From punishment, one might suffer or bad things happen which can be hard or painful, but it is sort of like when we experience pain in the body. It is a sign that something is wrong and that we need to address the issue. So rather than look at punishment as a bad thing, we can accept punishment so that it can help us turn away from sin and draw us closer to God.

Punishment can be used to set an example for others. If someone sees another person being punished, it might influence them not to do what the person punished did and discourage them from doing that which is evil. We see this many times in the Old Testament. One example is when the Israelites entered the Promised Land and were to attack Jericho, they were instructed by God to take nothing for themselves for the spoils were to go to the Lord (this was called the ban.) After they had defeated Jericho, one individual decided to disregard the ban and took a few things thus disobeying God. God knew that he had done this and as a result that man, his entire family, and animals were all killed.(Joshua 7:16-26) That seems quite strong but God is all good so He certainly knew what He was doing and it certainly sent a strong message to other Israelites to not disobey.

Punishment also helps us to make amends for our sin. We can offer the suffering in reparation for our sins. Jesus was “punished” for our sins as he died a horrific death on the cross. (The Father willed this although Jesus was totally innocent.) Jesus’ sacrifice merits for us the possibility of being saved. Sometimes we can get upset at punishment when we actually should be thankful that we can suffer and make reparation for our sins. We can either do suffer here on earth or in Purgatory so we might as well do it here and allow the punishment to help us. We have an example in the Good Thief on the cross who told Jesus that they (he and the other criminal being crucified with Jesus) deserved to be punished for what they did, he acknowledges that, accepts the suffering, and asks Jesus to remember him. Jesus tells him that on that very day, he will be with him in Paradise.(Lk 23:39-43) The suffering the Good Thief was going through was a powerful way that he made reparation for his own sins. In this way, we can view punishment as a help to us.

All of us should have these concepts in mind. Punishment can help us to be more obedient to God, discourage us from doing evil, and allow us to make reparation for our sins. We pray that God would help us when we experience punishment of some sort, that we accept just punishment, learn from it, allow it to move us to the good, and help us to become better persons. God bless you.

**Thank you to all of our Faith Formation teachers and classroom helpers!**

If you are interested in helping out, we are always in need of classroom helpers (required for the Archdiocese for safe environment). Please check with Rachel or Heather if you'd like to help us even on an occasional basis.

**Thank you to** all those who take care of the grass around the Parish grounds. Your dedication is greatly appreciated!

**Coffee and Conversation fall session meeting**



**weekly** on Thursday mornings after Mass—. Together we share the ways God has blessed us, learn from a teaching provided by Fr. Kubista, and offer intercessions for friends, family and community. The teaching this fall is a continuation of the study on prayer. Coffee and Conversation offers ways to grow closer to Jesus together. Stay tuned for more information on the Monday night small group.

**The Mary statue is back** and repairs completed. Thank you to the St Patrick's Guild for doing such a wonderful restoration.

**Thank you to our dedicated Adorers and subs** who are participating in our Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration. If you are interested in joining as a regular Adorer or occasional substitute, please contact Sue Broll at 763-213-7923.



**Prayer for our Nation**

God our Father, Giver of life, we entrust the United States of America to Your loving care. You are the rock on which this nation was founded. You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Reclaim this land for Your glory and dwell among Your people. Send Your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders. Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Remind Your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing Your will. Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, Patroness of our land, grant us the courage to reject the "culture of death." Lead us into a new millennium of life. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

**Local Events**—check out the bulletin board for information about local church events, festivals, etc. If you are aware of something that's not there, please forward the info to Kathleen or Fr Kubista.

**2026 Calendars are in** and are available on the back tables.

**We have a new batch of blessed brown scapulars** on the back tables. Feel free to take one for yourself or a friend. If you are interested in being enrolled in the brown scapular, please see Fr. Kubista.



<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
<b>9/14/25: Weekly Envelopes/Autobanking</b>	\$2,215.00
Weekly Plate collection	\$815.27
Religious Education	\$1,105.00
Masses	\$40.00
<b>Collection Total for 9/14/25:</b>	<b>\$4,175.27</b>
Budgeted Collection Income YTD**	\$36,465.00
YTD Weekly Collection (as of 9/14/25 )	\$42,195.40

\* Not included in Collection Total

\*\* Does not include income from festival

## Parish Events

- Sept 23rd at 7:15pm—Class on God
- Sept. 24th at 6:30—Faith Formation
- Sept 25th after Mass—Coffee & Conversation small group
- Oct. 5th—Donut Sunday after Mass
- Oct. 21st at 7:10pm—Parish Councils meet

### Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration 9am-6pm.

Contact Sue Broll at 763-213-7923 for more information, to sign up for a time, or feel free to stop in anytime.

### Donut Sunday resumes on October 5th after Mass and



will continue on the first Sundays of the month until next summer. Join us for homemade treats, donuts, coffee and fellowship.

**Announcement from Serra Club—the weekend of September 27th/28th is Priesthood Sunday.** It is time to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one. Let us pray for our priests that their ministry may be fruitful and appreciated by all people whom they serve. Let us pray that our parish family may always embrace our priests and sustain their ministry by our love, our constant prayer and our trust in their leadership.

**Archdiocesan history books are still available.** If you are interested, please check with Mary Kay after Mass or fill out one of the order forms that are on the table next to the elevator and drop in the collection plate.

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Tom & Pam Bruzek, Kent  
Stassen, John & Jo Jackson,  
Annalisa Klein, Bob & Mary  
Lynn Swartzter,  
Charlene Brady, Leon  
Kaczmarek, Julie Bromley,  
Karla Powell, Lennie  
Fitzsimmons,  
Jim Kittock, Helen Jude,  
Richard Otto, Bruce  
Hendrickson, Jessinya Reyes

*Heal your servants, O Lord, who  
are sick, and who put their trust  
in you. Send them help, O Lord,  
and comfort them from your holy  
place. Amen*

## Radio Rosary 11:00 am Sundays

KRWC - 1360 AM Buffalo

**Sept 21st**—for living and deceased  
members of Catholic United Financial  
Council 31, St Michael

**Sept 28th**—for living and deceased  
members of Catholic Order of  
Foresters Council 1560, Delano