



Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 28th, 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 27th	4pm	George & Eleanor Salonek+
Sun 28th	8:30am	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Tues 30th	6:30pm	Betsy Elsen+
Wed 1st	8:30am	Olivia Jacobson+
Thur 2nd	8:30am	Betty Judd+
Fri 3rd	8:30am	RoseAnn Motzko+
Sat 4th	4pm	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Sun 5th	8:30am	Walter Swartzter+

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 27th	George & Sue (L/S), Don G & volunteer (U)
Sept 28th	Theisens (L/S), Jim Otto & Joe N (U)
Oct 4th	Depas (L/S), Jim & George (U)
Oct 5th	Deb D (L/S), Jim O' & Joe M (U)

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

A Message from Fr. Kubista:

The death penalty is one of the ways to punish someone who commits a serious crime. What is the morality of the death penalty?

There is Biblical basis for the death penalty. In the Bible, God gives various commands on what to do with someone who commits murder. God commands Noah that *“anyone who sheds the blood of a human being, by a human being shall that one’s blood be shed; For in the image of God have human beings been made.”* (Genesis 9:6) In Leviticus, God says that *“whoever takes the life of any human being shall be put to death.”* (Lev 24:17) God instructs that if someone strikes a mortal blow or maliciously kills their neighbor, they *“must be put to death.”* (Exodus 21:12,14) God says if someone strikes one with a metal instrument, a stone, or a club, pushes them out of hatred, or ambushes them by throwing something at them and the attack results in death, then *“the murderer must be put to death.”* (Numbers 25:16-21) So God (who gave Moses the law in the Old Testament) instructs that the death penalty be given in certain circumstances. If a man violates the moral order (murders someone) they forfeit their right to live and God commands that they be killed.

Jesus did not condemn the death penalty. When Jesus was asked by the scribes and Pharisees, to stone the woman caught in the act of adultery (which the law of Moses commanded), he did not tell them that they should not stone her, rather he says that the one among them without sin should cast the first stone. (John 8:3-11) In other words, Jesus did not tell them that the law was unjust and they should not stone her, which implies that it was ok for her to be stoned. Jesus tells us that we are to *“do to others whatever you would have them do to you”* (Mt 7:12) (also known as the golden rule) and it also indicates that if one murders another, that the murderer should be killed (justly condemned). If Jesus had told us that the death penalty was unjust then he would have contradicted his Heavenly Father and he could not have done that.

Doctors of the Church have said that the death penalty is morally legitimate. Dr. Edward Feser says that *“the Doctors who have addressed the topic of capital punishment include St. Ephraem, St. Hilary, St. Gregory of Nazianzus, St. Ambrose, St. Jerome, St. John Chrysostom, St. Augustine, St. Bernard of Clairvaux, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Peter Canisius, St. Robert Bellarmine, and St. Alphonsus Liguori. (The earliest of these thinkers are, of course, Fathers as well.) All of them agree that it can be morally legitimate in principle, even those among them who recommend against using it in practice.”* St Augustine says that there are certain exceptions to the divine law which forbids the killing of human beings one of which is *“for the representatives of the State’s authority to put criminals to death, according to law or the rule of most just reason “* St Thomas says that *“if a man be dangerous and infectious to the community, on account of some sin, it is praiseworthy and advantageous that he be killed in order to safeguard the common good, since “a little leaven corrupteth the whole lump” (1 Corinthians 5:6).”* St. John Henry Newman (recently named a doctor of the Church) understood Genesis 9:6 (see above) *“to be an “explicit written law... declaring murder to be a capital offence,” and one that holds of “divine command.”*

The Roman Catechism of Trent (RCT) issued by St. Pope Pius V in 1566 and used until 1992) talks about execution of criminals (the death penalty). It says that the death penalty is a *“lawful slaying”* that belongs to civil authorities (who are to punish the guilty and protect the innocent), it *“is an act of paramount obedience”* the Fifth Commandment (Thou shall not kill), and this punishment given by them leads to protecting human life *“since they give security to life by repressing outrage and violence.”* (Continued next week...)

October is the Month of the Holy Rosary

October is designated by the Catholic Church as the "Month of the Rosary" because in this month the Church celebrates the Marian advocacy of "Our Lady of the Rosary" on Oct. 7.

The feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, also celebrated as Our Lady of Victory or Victories, was established by Pope St. Pius V in 1571 to celebrate the miraculous victory of the Christian forces in the Battle of Lepanto on Oct. 7 of that year. Previous to the decisive battle, St. Pius V had requested all Western Christians to pray the rosary; thus he attributed the victory to the power of the Marian prayer rather than the power of ships and cannons.

Two years before establishing the feast, in 1569, Pope St. Pius V officially approved the rosary in its present form with the papal bull *Consueverunt Romani Pontifices* ("The Roman Pontiffs are accustomed," the first words of the document). In a development from earlier methods of praying the rosary, the new version included the second half of the Hail Mary, as well as the "Glory Be" prayer at the end of each mystery.

The dedication of the month of October to the Holy Rosary became common in the Church thanks to Pope Leo XIII, an enthusiastic promoter of the rosary. In the span of only five years, Pope Leo wrote eleven encyclicals on the rosary. – from the *Catholic News Agency*

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 intersessions 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.



Our Sacrificial Giving

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

Average weekly collection income need	\$3,315.00
9/21/25: Weekly Envelopes/Autobanking	\$2,270.00
Weekly Plate collection	\$860.00
Religious Education	\$50.00
Utilities	\$100.00
Masses	\$145.00
Hall rent	\$60.00
Collection Total for 9/21/25:	\$3,735.00
Budgeted Collection Income YTD**	\$39,780.00
YTD Weekly Collection (as of 9/21/25)	\$45,930.40

* Not included in Collection Total

** Does not include income from festival

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.



Parish Events

- Sept 30th at 7:15pm—Class on God
- Oct 1st at 6:30—Faith Formation
- Oct 2nd after Mass—Coffee & Conversation small group
- Oct 3rd—First Friday Mass, Adoration, Confessions, Benediction
- Oct 4th at 3:25pm—First Saturday Devotions
- Oct. 5th—Donut Sunday after Mass
- Oct. 21st at 7:10pm—Parish Councils meet

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.

Global Invitation to Prayer: As the Church prepares to honor the Holy Rosary during October, Pope Leo XIV is calling the faithful to turn to Mary in a special way for the gift of peace. Speaking at his Wednesday General Audience, the Holy Father urged Catholics around the world to unite in daily prayer. “I invite everyone, each day of the coming month, to pray the Rosary for peace—personally, in the family, and in community,” Pope Leo said, according to Vatican News.

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

Oct 5th—for living and deceased
members of St Francis Xavier Catholic
Church, Buffalo