



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 19th, 2026

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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Cemetery questions: Don Gabrelcik at 952-955-2563

MASS SCHEDULE / Intentions		
Sat 18th	4pm	Fran Czanskowski+
Sun 19th	10am	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Tues 21st	6:30pm	Frank/Margaret Motzko fam
Wed 22nd	8:30am	Carol Goetz+
Thur 23rd	8:30am	NO MASS
Fri 24th	8:30am	NO MASS
Sat 25th	4pm	Betty Salonek+
Sun 26th	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	
July 18th	Huns V (L), Sue J (S), Don & volunteer (U)
July 19th	Glavans (L/S), Jim Otto & Joe N (U)
July 25th	Tracy A (L), Sue R (S), Jim & George (U)
July 26th	Theisens (L/S), Jim O' & Joe M (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:

One of the things that students do in school is to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. According to the Hill *“forty-seven states in the U.S. require the Pledge of Allegiance be recited in public schools, with varying exemptions for students or staff who wish to opt out.”* In the 1943 U.S. Supreme Court ruling in *West Virginia vs. Barnette*, the ruling was that *“students may not be required to salute the American flag or recite the Pledge of Allegiance at public schools if it is contrary to their religious beliefs.”* So although some can opt out, it is a good thing for us to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was written by Baptist minister Francis Bellamy in August 1892. He hoped that it would be used by citizens in any country. The original form was *“I pledge allegiance to my Flag and the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”* *““The flag of the United States” replaced the words “my Flag” in 1923 because some foreign-born people might have in mind the flag of the country of their birth instead of the United States flag. A year later, “of America” was added after “United States....No form of the Pledge received official recognition by Congress until June 22, 1942, when the Pledge was formally included in the U.S. Flag Code. The official name of The Pledge of Allegiance was adopted in 1945.”* Because of the threat of Communism at the time, President Eisenhower, in 1954, encouraged Congress to add the words *“under God,”* after *“one nation”* and Congress passed the addition on Flag Day in 1954. So the final version is: *“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.”*

Initially, the Bellamy salute was used during the Pledge. *“At the words, “to my Flag,” the right hand is extended gracefully, palm upward, toward the Flag, and remains in this gesture till the end of the affirmation; whereupon all hands immediately drop to the side.”* Later, as this resembled a Nazi salute, it was changed to hold one’s right hand over one’s heart.

Adding the words under God stirs up controversy and some argue that it violates separation of church and state. *“In a 2002 letter to the New York Times, Bellamy’s great-granddaughter, Sally Wright wrote: My great-grandfather Francis Bellamy wrote the Pledge of Allegiance in 1892 for the widely read magazine Youth’s Companion. A deeply religious man, he was also a strict believer in the separation of church and state, one who opposed parochial schools on the grounds that the state should educate its children. He intended the pledge to be a unifying statement for those same children. By adding the phrase “under God” to the Pledge of Allegiance in 1954, Congress was attempting to distinguish the politics of the United States from godless Communism. Like other actions taken by Congress at that time, this change divided our nation further rather than uniting its citizens.”* Adding the words *“under God”* acknowledges what this country is founded on namely a *“Supreme Judge”*, *“Nature’s God”*, and *“Creator”* as stated in the Declaration of Independence. So to argue that somehow it violates the separation of church and state is not accurate. If anything, taking God out of our nation is doing exactly what Communism tries to do. A country is either founded on God’s principles or not. If it is founded on God’s principles (which our country is) then it is very important that we acknowledge that we say we are *“under God”*. If we say that we are a country not founded God, then we are a godless nation and that is also a belief. To say that we are without God is pushing atheism or communism and so we do not want to do that.

We do not have to apologize believing that God is the *“Supreme Being”* and our *“Creator”* as our founders acknowledged. It is important for us to stand up and express this belief (that we indeed are a nation *“under God”*) and reflect in our laws and the pledges (like the *Pledge of Allegiance*) that we recite. God bless America. God bless you.

Festival Schedule

Mass: 10am

Pork dinner: 11am – 2:30pm

Polka Music by Blake Klaustermeier &
Friends: 11:30am – 3:30pm

Bingo: 12pm – 3:30pm

Silent Auction: 11am - 3pm

Country Store: 11am – 3pm

Kids Games: 11am – 3pm

Pull Tabs: 11am – 3pm

Inflatable: 11am – 4pm

Concessions: 11am – 4pm

Cemetery Prayer Service with Color
guard: 2:30pm

Bean Bag Tournament: 12pm – 3:30pm

Raffle Drawing at 3:30pm for prizes of

\$1000, \$500, \$100

(x4), \$50 (x5), 1/4

beef, 1/2 hog (x4), and
much more!



Thank You Festival Donors

Thank you to all of the individuals and businesses who donated prizes to our festival raffle and Silent Auction. A complete donor listing will be posted in next week's bulletin and on the St. Mary website. The raffle prize winners will be posted on the website, and if you wish to opt out, please let Mary Kay know or email mkwartzer@stmarydelano.org

Thank you for all who have helped with the Festival especially committee members, volunteers, and donors. We are grateful for all who come. May God bless each and every one.

Our Sacrificial Giving	
<i>We offer unto you, O Lord, our sacrificial giving. Thank you.</i>	
Budgeted weekly collection income	\$3,315.00
7/12/26: Weekly Envelopes/Autobanking	\$3,685.00
Weekly Plate collection	\$729.00
Masses	\$100.00
Bulletin ads	\$250.00
Weekly Collection Total for 7/12/26:	\$4,764.00
Festival Donations*	\$2,530.00
Festival Raffle tickets*	\$2,090.00
YTD Budgeted Weekly Collection Income**	\$175,695.00
YTD Actual Weekly Collection (7/12/26)	\$229,683.43

* Not included in Collection Total

** Does not include income from festival

Parish Events

- July 19th at 10am -- Mass
- July 19th 11am—4pm—43rd Annual Festival
- July 21st at 7:15pm—Parish Councils meet
- Aug 7th—First Friday Mass, Adoration, Confession & Benediction
- Aug 8th at 3:25pm—First Saturday Devotions

Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration 9am-6pm.

Thank you to the parish - The Dickhausen family wishes to express their gratitude and thankfulness for everyone who helped with the funeral and how nicely it turned out.

Archdiocesan Capital Campaign—Archbishop Bernard Hebda has begun the Lord, Renew Your Church Campaign for our archdiocese. It has an overall goal of \$250 million, raised across the total of 185 parishes, including our own. He has asked that all parishes participate and that all parishioners be invited to participate. St Mary's goal is \$220,000 of which \$132,000 will come back to St. Mary's to fund our parish initiatives which include Catholic Education Scholarships, Youth Faith Formation, and Maintenance Items (like the parking lot and elevator). The remaining \$88,000 will be kept by the Archdiocese to fund their initiatives which include Educating our Children and Young People, Sustaining the Cathedral of Saint Paul and Basilica of Saint Mary, Caring for Our Clergy and Future Clergy and providing for Those in Need. I will be contacting parishioners to talk about the campaign with them. All of us can prayerfully consider how God is calling us to participate in this campaign. Fr. Kubista

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Keep In Your Prayers

Col. Andy Swartzter (Military), Elizabeth Roszkowiak, Sandy Hendrickson, Kolby Mills, Karen Otto, Tom & Pam Bruzek, Kent Stassen, Jo Jackson, Annalisa Klein, Bob & Mary Lynn Swartzter, Charlene Brady, Leon Kaczmarek, Julie Bromley, Karla Powell, Jim Kittock, Bruce Hendrickson, Jessinya Reyes, Brandon Matter, Jim Fasching, Jennifer & Shaun Smith, Becky Groskreutz, Mary Motzko Gustafson, Tracy Anderson, Andrew Glavan, Irene Calis, Marian Krumm, Jackie Wally, Chris Capaul, Dave Bodin, Jackie Singer, Mark Salonek

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

July 19th—for living and deceased members of Catholic United Financial Council 31, St. Michael

July 26th—for living and deceased members of Catholic Order of Foresters Council 1560, Delano

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