



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 26th, 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 25th	4pm	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Sun 26th	8:30am	Betty Salonek+
Tues 28th	6:30pm	Mary Ann Haften+
Wed 29th	8:30am	Brenda Cole+
Thur 30th	8:30am	NO MASS
Fri 31st	8:30am	NO MASS
Sat 1st	4pm	Jerry & Jan Lany+
Sun 2nd	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 25th	Tracy A (L), Sue R (S), Jim & George (U)
July 26th	Theisens (L/S), Jim O' & Joe M (U)
Aug 1st	Stephanie C (L), Sue R (S), Don G & volunteer (U)
Aug 2nd	Glavans (L/S), Jim Otto & Dave L (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:

It is important for us to understand compromise and how it relates to our faith. Some think that one has to compromise in order to be a fair and nice person and if they do not, there is something wrong with them, they are not a loving person. This is false as there are things which we can compromise on and others that we should not.

In the dictionary, compromise is defined as "*a settlement in which each side gives up some demands or makes concessions*" or "*an adjustment of opposing principles, systems, etc, by modifying some aspects of each*" In other words, each side gives up something. It is ok to give up something that is not fundamental to who we are and it is not ok to give up something fundamental to who we are (for example our faith and following God).

Compromise can be abused. Someone can take a position which is very extreme, expecting compromise, and in the end to get what they want. For example, one might propose that individuals can do whatever they want with their body. (St Paul says that we cannot. "*Do you not know that your body is a temple of the holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?*" (1 Cor 6:19)) They present their extreme position and use the leverage of compromise in order to get the result(s) that they want. It is like a child who wants to have more than his share of the cake and so asks for the entire cake. His mother says that he cannot have the entire cake but only a small piece. The child tells his mom she should compromise and give him half of the cake. His mom would not be doing the child a favor if she compromised with him. He is not to get half of the cake but only a small piece and the mother is doing right (not compromising) in only giving a small piece to him.

Some in the Church call for compromise. Why not allow married priests? Why not allow contraception? Why not allow this or that difference in the liturgy? The idea is that somehow compromises help the Church and bring about greater unity? But does it? Did Christ come to compromise, to allow certain principles to be sacrificed for the sake of greater unity? Certainly not and he died because he did not compromise. There are certain things we do not compromise on. It does not matter what the situation is even if we think that by doing them they will bring greater unity.

When we compromise on things for the sake of a greater unity, it does not work. The Truth unites and so if we stay focused on the Truth, and do what is right, stand up for Truth. Whether we know it or not, we are to seek the Truth (seek God) and find Him. When we encounter people who compromise their morals (give something up in faith and/or morals), their compromising weakens our attraction to God and lessens the unity that we have. We do not unite each other but rather God unites us through the Spirit. The more we conform ourselves and our actions into what God wills for us by following His commands and the legitimate commands of the Church, the more we are unified. Why was St. Pope John Paul II such a great unifier? It was not because he compromised but rather because he did not. He stood up for the Truth.

When it comes to things of faith and morals, we are not to compromise. We need more people today who do not compromise on their faith and morals, who can see through the talk, and compromise when it is necessary, when it is for the good. God does not compromise with us, He always guides us to Truth no matter how hard it may seem. Let us pray for ourselves, others, and especially for those who have been entrusted with our governance, both civilly and in the Church, that we never compromise on those things which are for the common good of all, but rather take a stand and do the "right" thing, to live the Truth. God bless you.

Thank You Festival Donors

Thank you to all of the individuals and businesses who donated prizes to our festival raffle and Silent Auction. The raffle prize winners will be posted on the bulletin board, and if you have any questions, please contact Mary Kay at 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 came. May God bless each and every one.

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Lord, Renew Your Church Campaign Prayer

Lord, Renew Your Church by the light of the Gospel.

Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us so that we might recognize you as the Giver of all good gifts.

Bless our Lord Renew Your Church campaign.

May it strengthen the bonds that unite us and bring new fruitfulness to our parishes, schools and pastoral efforts.

Through the intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church, and Saint Paul, our patron, may our generous response give witness to Your love, Your power and Your plan.

We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Our Sacrificial Giving

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

Budgeted weekly collection income	\$3,315.00
7/19/26: Weekly Envelopes/Autobanking	\$2,370.00
Weekly Plate collection	\$530.00
Building Fund	\$110.00
Weekly Collection Total for 7/19/26:	\$3,010.00
Festival Donations*	\$564.00
Festival*	\$21,486.01
YTD Budgeted Weekly Collection Income**	\$179,010.00
YTD Actual Weekly Collection (7/19/26)	\$232,693.43

* Not included in Collection Total

** Does not include income from festival

Parish Events

- **Aug 1st at 3:25pm—First Saturday devotions**
- **Aug 7th—First Friday Mass, Adoration, Confession & Benediction**
- **Aug 8th/9th—Mission Appeal weekend**
- **Aug 18th at 7:15pm—Festival wrap-up meeting**

Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration 9am-6pm.

We will be having a mission appeal the weekend of Aug. 8 and 9, 2026, with a visiting priest Fr. Juby Chacko, V.C. of the Marymatha Province of Vincentian Congregation. More details to come.

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, Mary Walters, Bev Leuthner

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

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