



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 5th, 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 4th	4pm	Judy Odenthal+
Sun 5th	8:30am	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Tues 7th	6:30pm	Holy Souls
Wed 8th	8:30am	Roger Mosch+
Thur 9th	8:30am	Locke Lee
Fri 10th	8:30am	NO MASS
Sat 11th	4pm	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Sun 12th	8:30am	James & Geraldine Motzko+

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 4th	George & Sue (L/S), Don G & volunteer (U)
July 5th	Theisens (L/S), Jim Otto & Dave L (U)
July 11th	Dickhausens (L/S), Jim & George (U)
July 12th	Deb D (L/S), Jim O' & Gene G (U)



A Message from Fr. Kubista:

Where did the statement *"In God We Trust"* come from? What does this mean for our country?

The House of Representative resolution 112-47 states: *"The motto IN GOD WE TRUST was placed on United States coins largely because of the increased religious sentiment existing during the Civil War. Secretary of the Treasury Salmon P. Chase received many appeals from devout persons throughout the country, urging that the United States recognize the Deity on United States coins."* In a letter dated November 20, 1861, Secretary of Treasury Chase instructed James Pollock (Director of the Mint at Philadelphia) to prepare a motto and said: *"No nation can be strong except in the strength of God, or safe except in His defense. The trust of our people in God should be declared on our national coins. You will cause a device to be prepared without unnecessary delay with a motto expressing in the fewest and tersest words possible this national recognition."* After various ideas by James Pollock and Secretary Chase about what the words should be, *"In God We Trust"* was chosen. The Coinage Act of 1837 specified what was prescribed to be on the front and back of coinage, which did not include the words, *"In God We Trust"*. Because it was not included, it required an act of Congress to get the words onto coinage. Congress passed legislation in 1864, 1865, and 1866 authorizing the Mint (with Secretary of Treasury's approval) to add *"In God We Trust"* on various coins and was officially approved by Congress in the Coinage Act of 1873. *"In God We Trust"* first appeared on two cent coins in 1864 and has been used on one-cent coins since 1909, ten cent coins since 1916, and gold coins, silver dollar coins, half-dollar coins, and quarter-dollar coins since 1908. It first appeared on paper money (the one dollar silver certificate) in 1957.

Although the motto *"In God We Trust"* was on coins, it was not the "official" motto of the United States until it was declared as such in a law passed and approved by President Eisenhower on July 30, 1956. A big reason behind this law was to counter Communism, affirming God in the country.

Presidents before and after Eisenhower have affirmed the role of God in our country. George Washington, as President of the Constitutional Convention, said: *"Let us raise a standard to which the wise and the honest can repair; [this] event is in the hand of God!"* When he became President, he issued the first Thanksgiving Proclamation calling on *"Americans to acknowledge God's role in bringing them through the Revolution to the founding of their free government."* President Abraham Lincoln (during the Civil War) told Americans to have *"a firm reliance on [God] who has never yet forsaken this favored land"* and recognized that it is God's pleasure to *"give us to see the right."* President Franklin Roosevelt said: *"In teaching this democratic faith to American children, we need the sustaining, buttressing aid of those great ethical religious teachings which are the heritage of our modern civilization. For not upon strength nor upon power, but upon the spirit of God shall our democracy be founded."* President John F. Kennedy said *"The world is very different now . . . And yet the same revolutionary beliefs for which our forebears fought are still at issue around the globe--the belief that the rights of man come not from the generosity of the state but from the hand of God."* President Ronald Reagan said: *"We are a nation under God, and I believe God intended for us to be free."*

In 2011, a resolution was put forward in 112th Congress to affirm the motto. The resolution stated: *"Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That Congress reaffirms 'In God We Trust' as the official motto of the United States and supports and encourages the public display of the national motto in all public buildings, public schools, and other government institutions."* The end of it states that: *"This Congress can now show that it still believes and recognizes those same eternal truths by approving a resolution that will allow today's Congress, as representatives of the American people, to reaffirm to the public and the world our Nation's national motto, 'In God We Trust.'" The resolution passed the House on November 1, 2011. (Continued next week...)*

Festival Update

Our Church Festival is TWO weeks away on Sunday, July 19th from 11am - 4pm with Mass at 10am. **The final festival planning meeting will be on July 14th at 7:15pm.**

All parishioners are encouraged to sell additional raffle tickets. Please turn in tickets (including unsold) as soon as possible so that we can get them recorded. ***Festival day volunteer signup sheets, posters and donation envelopes are available on the festival table.*** If anyone wants to buy tickets or needs more to sell, there will be a Festival Representative after weekend masses to assist you in these matters and any other questions you may have. Also, raffle tickets can be picked up or purchased after the daily Masses—see Kathleen M. or Fr. Kubista for help. Please check out the donation envelopes if you'd like to help cover the cost of various items. Be sure to include your name if you'd like a tax receipt.

Reminders: all families are asked to donate a pan of pre-cut bars to be served at the meal. Bars should be dropped off Saturday morning or early on Sunday. Setup is on Saturday morning from 9am-2pm (or until completed).

Please place your donated items for the Auction and Country Store on the counter in the basement (with note designating Country or Auction) or bring them early on the day of the festival or on Saturday morning during the setup. Thank you!

Our Sacrificial Giving	
<i>We offer unto you, O Lord, our sacrificial giving. Thank you.</i>	
Budgeted weekly collection income	\$3,315.00
6/21/26: Weekly Envelopes/Autobanking	\$683.00
Weekly Plate collection	\$2,745.00
Stole Fee	\$300.00
Votives	\$121.00
Weekly Collection Total for 6/21/26:	\$4,009.00
Festival Donations*	\$150.00
Festival tickets*	\$620.00
YTD Budgeted Weekly Collection Income**	\$169,065.00
YTD Actual Weekly Collection (6/21/26)	\$221,486.43

* Not included in Collection Total

** Does not include income from festival

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.



Parish Events

- **July 14th at 7:15pm—Festival meeting**
- **July 19th at 10am -- Mass**
- **July 19th 11am—4pm—43rd Annual Festival**
- **July 21st at 7:15pm—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. We are in need of occasional subs and second Adorers for a couple of time slots, so please consider joining us in this special time of prayer.

Freebies—Be sure to check the back tables for a variety of free items: calendars, books, rosaries, holy cards and pamphlets, blessed candles, etc. Also, there may be some lost & found items that need to be claimed.

Join the Serra Club of Wright County for a special presentation by Allyssa Kittok, PA-C of MyCatholicDoctor.com. Allyssa provides compassionate, life-affirming healthcare rooted in the teachings and values of the Catholic faith. Learn about this unique approach. **ALL ARE WELCOME TO** join at the **new location, day and time**. St. Albert's Parish Center, Friday, July 10 starting at 10 a.m. for coffee/donuts. At 11:15 they will transition to the church for the Rosary then celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at noon. Opportunity for Reconciliation follows immediately after Mass.

Thank You to all those who are donating to the food shelf collection (box located under the table in the back of church. Your generosity is much appreciated. Please feel free to leave items in grocery bags in order to aid in transporting them to the foodshelf. Thanks!

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, 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

*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 5th—for Pope Leo—Iten Funeral
Home, Delano and Watertown

July 12th—for living and deceased
members of St Mary of Czestochowa
Catholic Church, Delano, MN

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