



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 16th, 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 15th	4pm	John & Jen Zenlicka+
Sun 16th	8:30am	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Tues 18th	6:30pm	Jackie Wally—Health
Wed 19th	8:30am	Millie McMahan
Thur 20th	8:30am	Atlas Lee
Fri 21st	8:30am	NO MASS
Sat 22nd	4pm	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Sun 23rd	8:30am	Joseph Swartzter, Sr+

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	
Aug 15th	Depas (L/S), Don G & volunteer (U)
Aug 16th	Theisens (L/S), Jim Otto & Joe N (U)
Aug 22nd	Huns V (L), Sue R (S), Jim & George (U)
Aug 23rd	Theisens (L/S), Jim O' & Joe M (U)

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

A Message from Fr. Kubista:

(Continued from last week...) Humility calls us to always be aware and look at the way we live our lives. Do we truly feel like God is at the center of our lives? Do we examine our conscience daily and look at the ways we are serving God, the ways that we are following all that He has commanded of us? Do we really love God, because if we do we will follow all that He has commanded of us, including the commandments, the beatitudes, the Church, and the Spirit's movements in our minds and hearts? If we have a desire to grow in humility, we will go to Confession often (maybe once a month) realizing that although we may not think we are sinful, we are and we just may be blind to the things which are in the way of God more fully helping us to become more alive in the Spirit. If we think we are following what God asks us to do and we are challenged about it, what is our reaction? If we react in a defensive or in an uncharitable way, then this may be a sign that we really are not doing that which we are called to do. If we have humility we will look at the challenge as a way for us to be purified, our intentions solidly founded in Christ. If we allow the Spirit to help us through, we will be strengthened and grow in a greater realization that we truly need God and that He helps us even in our challenges to become more open to His will in our lives.

When we realize that we do our part but much of the work falls back to God, then this is a good sign. Certainly, we are called to work hard, to pray hard, and do that to which we are called. Sometimes we may get off on the wrong course thinking that what we have done really does not matter when in fact it does and it greatly matters. One example is some think that suffering really is not that important and so try to diminish or take away all forms of suffering (taking pills and medications, or in some cases even killing a person because of suffering (euthanasia)) but we really do not understand the significance of suffering, we really do not understand how God can use it for good. In humility, we should accept that suffering is part of who we are, that it is part of life, and to accept it within reason. We can use pain killers to reduce it, but we have to be careful we do not try to eliminate it to an extent which is not good, which actually diminishes the opportunity for it to be a moment in which God grows and moves in a person in order that humility grows in them and that they realize and become more dependent on God rather than themselves.

God wants us to be humble; He wants us to be like Mary and Jesus, to follow His will in our lives, to let go and allow Him to rule over us, to guide us into the ways of peace. God wants us to have our dependence and trust in Him grow, He wants to become more of who we are, He wants His Spirit to more fully fill our minds and hearts so that others see more of Him in us. God wants others to see the shimmering light of Christ shining in our eyes, the radiant glow of Christ alive in us. It is when we are humble like Mary and Jesus and follow God's will in our lives, following all that He has in store for us that we truly live, for God is life and those who allow more of Him in them, point others to Christ the Lord, the babe of babes, the child of children, the man of men, the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords, the King of Humility. God our Father, please help all of us grow in humility becoming more like Christ and Mary each and every day, following Your will in our lives. God bless you.

The month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Since the 16th century Catholic piety has assigned entire months to special devotions. The month of August is traditionally dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The physical heart of Mary is venerated (and not adored as the Sacred Heart of Jesus is) because it is united to her person and is the seat of her love (especially for her divine Son), virtue, and inner life. Such devotion is an incentive to a similar love and virtue.

August 26th is the Feast of Our Lady of Czestochowa. Although the day is not on the calendar for the U.S., we can celebrate the patron of our parish by attending Mass that day.

Faith Formation starts September 16th! Online registration is now open. An email letter was sent out to families currently participating. The letter and registration link are also on the St Mary website. *First Communion and 1st-year Confirmation students need to provide photocopies of their Baptism certificates.*

Please bring copies to the first class on Sept. 16th. The evening will start with Mass at 6:30, followed by class.

Confirmation parents and students will remain upstairs for a meeting following Mass. All other grades will meet in the church basement. ***We are in need of teachers and helpers.*** For more information contact Rachel Depa at rachel.depa1@gmail.com or Heather Dickhausen at hdickhausen@gmail.com



Pork and Poppyseed Kuchen for sale this weekend

Leftover Poppyseed Kuchen and pork is available for purchase after the weekend Masses. Please see Mary Kay Swartzner (Saturday evening) or Kathleen Motzko (Sunday morning) if you are interested in purchasing. Poppyseed kuchen is \$25 per quarter sheet and pork is \$5 for a bag of 5 slices.

There's Still Time to Sign Up for the Catechetical Institute at St. Francis Xavier!

The Saint Paul Seminary's Catechetical Institute has extended the application deadline for its two-year **Pillars Program to August 31, 2026.**

Beginning in September, the course walks through the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* as a story from blessing to blessing. Weekly classes are **Mondays from 7:00–9:00 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier Church (300 1st Ave. NW, Buffalo)**, where participants gather in person for fellowship, small-group discussion, and livestreamed lectures. To learn more or apply, call **(651) 962-5072** or visit **saintpaulseminary.org/ci**.

Our Sacrificial Giving

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

Budgeted weekly collection income	\$3,315.00
8/9/26: Weekly Envelopes/Autobanking	\$1,998.00
Weekly Plate collection	\$726.00
Religious Ed.	\$150.00
Weekly Collection Total for 8/9/26:	\$2,874.00
Mission Collection*	\$1,818.50
YTD Budgeted Weekly Collection Income**	\$19,890.00
YTD Actual Weekly Collection (8/9/26)	\$19,915.00

* Not included in Collection Total

** Does not include income from festival

Parish Financials

St. Mary's fiscal year 2025- 2026 results are on the bulletin board in the June 2026 statements. Thank you for all your support and generosity to St. Mary's. Fr. Kubista

Also, monthly financial statements are posted on the bulletin board at the top of the stairs.

Parish Events

- **Aug 18th at 7:15pm—Festival wrap-up meeting**
- **Sept 16th—Faith Formation First Class and Mass with Families, Confirmation meeting**

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.

Thank you to all who donated toward last weekend's mission collection for the Vincentian missionaries in Kerala, India

There is still time to donate toward the mission. You can drop your donations into the collection basket this weekend or next (please place it in an envelope or put a note that clearly designates Mission Collection).

The Vincentian Missionaries need our help to carry out their many missionary, educational and charitable activities. They need our special financial support for the training of young men studying for priesthood. Please keep Fr. Juby and all the Vincentian Missionaries in your prayers. Thank you.

Thank You Volunteers!

Thank you to all of those who volunteer to be Lectors, Sacristans, and Ushers at our masses. Your dedication is much appreciated!

Also, a big thanks to our lawn maintenance team for keeping the church grounds looking so nice this summer!

Thank you sponsors! If you are interested in placing an ad, please contact Kathleen at kmotzko@stmarydelano.org

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*Lord, look upon them with eyes of
mercy, may your healing hand rest
upon them, may your lifegiving
powers flow into every cell of their
bodies and into the depths of their
souls, cleansing, purifying, restoring
them to wholeness and strength for
service in your Kingdom. Amen.*

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