



Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 23rd, 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 22nd	4pm	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Sun 23rd	8:30am	Joseph Swartzter, Sr+
Tues 25th	6:30pm	Judy Odenthal+
Wed 26th	8:30am	Lambert Zenner+
Thur 27th	8:30am	Doris Frank+
Fri 28th	5pm	Beverly Leuthner+
Sat 29th	4pm	Martha Malecek+
Sun 30th	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	
Aug 22nd	Huns V (L), Sue R (S), Jim & George (U)
Aug 23rd	Theisens (L/S), Jim O' & Joe M (U)
Aug 29th	George & Sue (L/S), Don G & volunteer (U)
Aug 30th	Tracy A (L), Deb D (S), Jim Otto & Dave L (U)

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

A Message from Fr. Kubista:

There are many ways to pray and communicate with God. The important thing for us is that we pray and find what works for us. We are to persevere in prayer despite distractions, when our mind starts thinking about something like what we are going to do later, or dryness in prayer, when we do not feel God's presence. What can help us is if we have a rhythm or method of prayer. A method is not necessary as St. Francis de Sales says: *"True love has little method."* Having a method, though, can be very helpful (more helpful to some depending on their disposition) because it provides a structure, a rhythm or ritual, like in other areas of our life, which facilitates prayer and helps us to concentrate not so much on the mechanics of prayer but rather on the essence of prayer, on God.

Let's go through a common method of prayer. Before our prayer begins, the more we are aware of the presence of God throughout the day and the more virtuous and free from sin we are, the easier it will be to enter into prayer. As we begin prayer, it is important to find a place that works for us, where we can better focus on prayer and minimize distractions. A church is very good place or maybe we have a special place in our home, maybe our room as it says in scripture. (Mt 6:6) It then is important for us to rest and quiet our minds, maybe focus on a crucifix before us, read a prayer like the "Our Father", do something to put our mind in the mode or practice of prayer. Then ask the Holy Spirit to help us pray well.

A first movement in prayer, sometimes referred to as considerations, would be to acknowledge God as our Lord and King, to give Him homage, and thank Him for all He has given to us. Then we might have something that we want to meditate on, an event in the life of Christ, a virtue that we want to work on, or some event or experience we encountered in which we are seeking God's guidance so that we come to see more clearly His Truth in our lives. We might not use anything to start our meditation but rather sit and rest in the Lord and allow Him to speak to us, to direct our minds where He wants us to go in our prayer time.

A second movement in prayer (sometimes referred to as affections) is where our will is impacted or influenced by what we have come to know. We come to know things in our mind or intellect and then we choose with our will, a response to the Truth that we have received from God. We hear God speaking to us and we accept and choose Him which is love because love is a choice. We might come to a greater understanding of how much God has loved us and grow in love of Him. We might find out how we have failed, sinned, and ask for forgiveness, and then discern (through talking with God) how we are to avoid the sin in the future. We might find out how we are lacking in a certain virtue and how God is leading us to growth in that area. We allow God to converse with us, to speak to us, to guide us on the path He wants us to go. Ultimately, we try to seek His will in all that we do, to love His commands, and try to align our will with His.

The next movement is to ask for help, to petition the Lord, because we realize that without God's help, we will not be able to do what He has called us. Then we make realistic resolutions by which we will fulfill what we have discerned God wants us to do. In concluding our prayer time, we are to thank God for the gift of our time and ask for His help to grow in holiness and fulfill His will in our lives.

We are to pray in a way that works for us and persevere in it. If there is a method that works for us, to use it so our prayer will be more effective. God bless you.

We had our festival wrap up meeting on Tuesday August 18th. We discussed the date and the suggestion was to move it to the first Sunday in August rather than the third Sunday in July. We discussed the meal and it was brought up that the meat choice should change. We are looking into two options: sliced beef done by an outside vendor and Hollywood's baked 1/4 chicken(wing/breast or thigh/leg). Either would be served with scalloped potatoes (not baby red potatoes), corn on the cob, *cole* slaw, poppy kueken (and extra desert), dinner roll, and beverage (milk, water & coffee with free refills on water and coffee). We also discussed the location of the events and thought it might be good to move the serving back into the basement, shift around some of the other areas including not having the big tent and having everything more around the church and only the kids games in the space that the tent was? Water cups should be larger and beer cups 16oz. Please discuss these ideas amongst yourselves. We will try to make the final decision at the January planning meeting which will be on the second Tuesday in January. Anyone would be invited to that meeting. Thank you. Fr. Kubista

Festival results are posted on the bulletin board. The final numbers are not in (just a few small items outstanding) so our current profit is around \$26,317. We are grateful to God for His many blessings. Thank you to all who donated, helped, and participated in the Festival. Fr. Kubista

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 the 4-6th grade level.*** For more information contact Rachel Depa at rachel.depa1@gmail.com or Heather Dickhausen at hdickhausen@gmail.com



Our Sacrificial Giving

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

Budgeted weekly collection income	\$3,315.00
8/16/26: Weekly Envelopes/Autobanking	\$3,233.00
Weekly Plate collection	\$799.00
Religious Ed.	\$30.00
Assumption of Mary	\$595.00
Weekly Collection Total for 8/16/26:	\$4,657.00
Mission Collection*	\$45.00
Festival*	\$75.00
Festival—Silent Auction*	\$255.00
YTD Budgeted Weekly Collection Income**	\$23,205.00
YTD Actual Weekly Collection (8/16/26)	\$24,572.00

* 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.

Also, detailed monthly financial statements are posted on the bulletin board throughout the year.

Parish Events

- Sept 4th—First Friday Mass, Adoration, Confessions, and Benediction
- Sept 5th—First Saturday devotions 3:25pm
- Sept 16th at 6:30pm —Faith Formation and Mass with Families, First Class and Confirmation meeting following Mass

Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration 9am-6pm.

Thank you to all who donated toward the 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 (please place it in an envelope or put a note that clearly designates Mission Collection).

Condolences to the family of Bev Leuthner, who recently passed away. We will be celebrating a Mass for her on Friday, August 28th at 5pm at St Mary. Rosary before Mass and meal afterward. May God grant her eternal rest.

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.

The Archdiocesan Lord, Renew Your Church capital campaign is under way. Fr Kubista will be contacting the remaining parishioners over the next few weeks to discuss support for this effort. Your generosity is much appreciated!

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, Jackie Singer, Mark Salonek, Mary Walters, Bishop Kevin Kenney

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.

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