



Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 27th, 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 September-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 26th	4pm	Brenda Cole+
Sun 27th	8:30am	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Tues 29th	6:30pm	Judy Odenthal+
Wed 30th	8:30am	Doris Frank+
Thur 1st	8:30am	David Lee
Fri 2nd	8:30am	RoseAnn Motzko+
Sat 3rd	4pm	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Sun 4th	8:30am	Walter Swartzter+

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	
Sept 26th	Depas (L/S), Don G & volunteer (U)
Sept 27th	Glavans (L/S), Jim Otto & Dave L (U)
Oct 3rd	Depas (L/S), George & Jim (U)
Oct 4th	Theisens (L/S), Jim O' & Gene G (U)

Mass Intentions – We are booked throughout the remainder of this year. Any new requests will be scheduled in 2027. Thank you for your understanding.

A Message from Fr. Kubista:

The sin of envy can be a very destructive in one's life. It hurts the envious person, it hurts others (especially the person who the envy is directed at) and it hurts the Church in part since it is an uncharitable act. We want to acknowledge and be thankful for the gifts that we and others have been given by God.

What is envy? Envy has been around for a while as it was how death (sin) entered into God's creation: *"it was through the devil's envy that death entered the world"*(Wis 1:13; 2:24). The dictionary defines envy as a *"painful or resentful awareness of an advantage enjoyed by another joined with a desire to possess the same advantage"*(Webster's New Student Dictionary) The Catechism of the Catholic Church says that *"envy is a capital sin. It refers to the sadness at the sight of another's goods and the immoderate desire to acquire them for oneself, even unjustly."*(CCC 2539) *"St. Augustine saw envy as "the diabolical sin." "From envy are born hatred, detraction, calumny, joy caused by the misfortune of a neighbor, and displeasure caused by his prosperity."*(CCC 2539) There is nothing wrong with wanting something that another has. It crosses into envy when we are sad or resentful because of what the other person has and it could include that we want what they have in an inordinate, uncharitable, or inappropriate way. The two "functions" of the soul are involved, the intellect (mind) acknowledges a good the other has (maybe how they look, their money, or their clothes) and then the will desires or wants whatever. If this desire crosses into to "covetness" or the desire projects onto the person a sense of un-charity (dislike or disdain), then it crosses into envy. Maybe one has uncharitable thoughts, is angry or upset with the other or with God because one does not have what the other has. One might talk uncharitably with others about the person. Even if the envious person does not share the accepted envious thoughts with others, it pulls the envious person down and limits who they are truly called to be. All of these various aspects hurt the envious person.

Envy also hurts others. When envious thoughts, desires, are shared with others, it pulls them down. Why do others need to hear it, one should be talking with them about things which really matter, not on matters of envy. These envious musings can actually stir up envious thoughts in those that hear them. We do not need more temptations; the devil already gives us enough. When we hear other people speaking in envious ways, we should call the person on it and tell them to stop.

Envy hurts the person who is being envied. The way they are treated is impacted. Just think if we felt that someone was envious of us, what would we do? The person might say to the person who is envying them, go ahead, have what I have. It is important to remember that everything is not as "good" as one might think. Each one of us has been given things which we are called to use and to "take care of". Sometimes it may seem like things are better on the other side of the fence but really they are not. With the gifts and talents that we have been given come responsibility; all of us will be accountable for our stewardship so we should beware of what we think we want. Each one of us has our own crosses to bear so we should pick them up and keep going.

Envy hurts the Church, the Mystical Body of Christ because we are all connected to the one Body and when one member suffers, all the members suffer. *"We fight one another, and envy arms us against one another.... If everyone strives to unsettle the Body of Christ, where shall we end up? We are engaged in making Christ's Body a corpse.... We declare ourselves members of one and the same organism, yet we devour one another like beasts."* (CCC 2538) (Continued next week...)

Archbishop's Discernment Retreat on October 16-18 at Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo, MN. For men ages 17-24. Join Archbishop Hebda, Fr Mark Pavlak, and archdiocesan seminarians for a weekend of prayer and discernment. See flyer on bulletin board for more info.

Copies of Archbishop Hebda's Pastoral Letter to the Families of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, *Only One Thing Is Necessary*, are now available on the back tables.

Donut Sundays Resume October 4th. Join us on the first Sunday of each month after the 8:30am Mass, for fellowship and a wide variety of donuts, coffee and home-made treats.

Join the Serra Club of Wright County as they welcome Father Patrick Barnes from St. Henry's parish in Monticello. He will share his vocation story with them at our general meeting. ALL ARE WELCOME to join them at St. Albert's Parish Center, Friday, October 9th starting at 10:00 a.m. for coffee/donuts. At 11:15 they will join the parish in Rosary, followed by Holy Sacrifice of other Mass at noon. Opportunity for Reconciliation follows immediately after Mass.

Thank You to all of our Faith Formation volunteers, teachers, and helpers. We are off to a good start and look forward to the coming year!

Our Sacrificial Giving	
<i>We offer unto you, O Lord, our sacrificial giving. Thank you.</i>	
Budgeted weekly collection income	\$3,315.00
9/20/26: Weekly Envelopes/Autobanking	\$1,895.00
Weekly Plate collection	\$902.68
Weekly Collection Total for 9/13/26:	\$3,311.00
Weekly Collection Total for 9/20/26:	\$2,797.68
YTD Budgeted Weekly Collection Income**	\$39,780.00
YTD Actual Weekly Collection (9/20/26)	\$40,387.06

* Not included in Collection Total

** Does not include income from festival



The Coffee & Conversation small group is meeting on Thursdays immediately following 8:30am Mass. The study and discussion this fall is about the Holy Spirit. Feel free to drop in any time!

OCIA Starts Soon

If anyone is interested in becoming Catholic, please contact Fr. Kubista in order to enter into the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA). OCIA sessions would start this Fall and the person would be brought into the Church at the Easter Vigil.

Adorers Needed

We are in need of second Adorers for Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration for the following hours: 11am, 12pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm. We invite all parishioners to join us for Eucharistic Adoration. This is a time to sit in silence, pray, and bring your intentions before the Lord. Whether you can serve weekly, monthly, or occasionally, your presence is a beautiful gift to our parish community. All are welcome!

Parish Events

- Sept 30th at 6:30pm – Faith Formation
- Oct 2nd – First Friday Mass, Adoration, Confessions, Benediction
- Oct 3rd – First Saturday devotions
- Oct 4th after Mass- Donut Sunday
- Oct 7th at 6:30pm – Faith Formation
- Oct 20th at 7:15pm – Parish councils meet

Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration 9am-6pm.

The Archdiocesan Lord, Renew Your Church capital campaign is under way.

We are currently at 87% of our goal has been reached. There is \$29,470 left to be pledged to reach our campaign goal of \$220,00 for our Parish. Thank you for the generosity of those who have pledged. If you have met with Fr. Kubista on the LRYC campaign, please get your pledges turned in. You can get them to him after the weekend masses. If you have not received details on the LRYC campaign from Fr. Kubista, he will be available after the weekend masses (Sept 26/27) to share them with you so that you can discern how you would like to participate in the LRYC campaign.

Priesthood Sunday is September 27th. This nationwide event is coordinated and sponsored by the USA Council of Serra International. It is a special day set aside to honor the priesthood. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one. Pray for our priests, pray for vocations, be sure to thank our priests.

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, Jackie Singer, Mark Salonek, Mary Walters, Bishop Kevin Kenney, Dave Shelley, Tom Triplett

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.

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