



Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 18th, 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 17th	4pm	St Mary's Living & Deceased
Sun 18th	8:30am	Dick Florek+
Tues 20th	6:30pm	Larry Knoblach+
Wed 21st	8:30am	Janet & Clifford Jennissen+
Thur 22nd	8:30am	Doris Frank+
Fri 23rd	8:30am	NO MASS
Sat 24th	4pm	Bev Leuthner+
Sun 25th	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	
Oct 17th	Tracy A (L), Sue J (S), George & Jim (U)
Oct 18th	Glavans (L/S), Jim O' & Joe M (U)
Oct 24th	Huns V (L), Sue R (S), Don G & volunteer (U)
Oct 25th	Theisens (L/S), Jim Otto & Dave L (U)

New calendars –the new 2027 calendars are here and are available on the back tables.

A Message from Fr. Kubista:

One of the honors and responsibilities that we have is to vote in the upcoming election. We have a very polarized country. What seems to be the source of the polarization? Ultimately, it is evil, the Devil wants to create division among us and destroy God's creation, destroy each one of us. The reason there is polarization is that the Devil is at work and he is really tearing the country apart.

One of the bigger issues out there is that of abortion. People who are pro-life (who follow God's laws and His ways) are criticized by those who are pro-death because they feel threatened that their so called "right" to kill an unborn baby might be taken away. Actually, they have no right to kill a baby so it is they who are mistaken and risking eternal death on themselves which is why we must try to help them say yes to life, both theirs and God's child in the womb. We know that it is a baby (a human person) and yet killing of unborn babies is still allowed in some states in this country. Therefore, as Catholics, we are to support candidates who are pro-life. Anyone who thinks killing an unborn baby is ok especially up the ninth month (which is called a partial birth abortion) and even after birth, is not fit to lead. If they think that abortion is ok, their decision making ability on other critical issues will be totally compromised, clouded, and biased towards evil.

As Catholics and people of faith, we need to stand up against the evil of abortion and other evils. One of the ways we do this is by speaking in the voting booth. We election officials who will follow the God given laws, who acknowledge a Creator, and who respect the order and dignity of all of the Creator's work, especially His creation in human life, especially in the womb. Ultimately the spiritual battle is not fought or lost in the voting booth or even in our government but rather is fought in our own hearts. If we ourselves compromise on key issues, if we do not stand up for the fundamental rights which even those who wrote the Constitution acknowledged (the rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness) then the Devil has won a huge victory. As St. Paul writes, we are not fighting natural forces but rather the forces of evil.

If we are in a battle then we need to get as many people involved as we can. We are to encourage people to vote and for the "right" person. We are to talk with them about the issues and discuss the options. We are to learn about the candidates and where they stand on the more important issues, issues which are either good or evil (non prudential issues) abortion being one of those issues. We are to share with them the reason for our concern and why it is important.

Some might argue we are being too political. Christ was accused of being political; many times he was critical of the leaders of his day, especially the chief priests, scribes, and Pharisees who were supposed to be the spiritual leaders. They were speaking and teaching on moral issues and Jesus criticized them, especially regarding their actions. Like Jesus, we have an obligation to speak out on moral issues and abortion is a moral issue as are a lot of other issues. So if we know of a leader (politician) who is for an evil (like abortion) we certainly should say or do something, it is an obligation that we have as Christians.

We pray for ourselves, that we would be strong and have the courage to stand for what is good and right. We pray that we would fight the spiritual battle, be informed, and do and say what we need to do to impact our world for the good, which includes supporting candidates who uphold the fundamental laws of God. God bless you.

LRYC Update - We are over 100% of our \$220,000 goal! Thank you for the generosity of those who have pledged. If you have not turned in pledge card, please turn it into Fr. Kubista. There are extra pledge cards available in the church entry next to the LRYC thermometer if you would like to give. Any pledged (donated) funds between 100% and 150% of the goal are distributed at 80% to the Parish and 20% to the Archdiocese. Any funds given to the LRYC Campaign we not be assessed (taxed) at 10% by the Archdiocese. Thank you.

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.

Congratulations to Michael and Samantha on the baptism of the daughter Eleanor Ruth Lindquist who was baptized on Sunday October 11th. We welcome her to the Church family.

Congratulations to Austin and Paige Harwood who were married at St. Mary's on Saturday October 10th. May God bless them with many joyous years to come!

Our Sacrificial Giving	
<i>We offer unto you, O Lord, our sacrificial giving. Thank you.</i>	
Budgeted weekly collection income	\$3,315.00
10/11/26: Weekly Envelopes/Autobanking	\$2,745.00
Weekly Plate collection	\$769.00
Faith Formation	\$25.00
Stole Fee	\$300.00
Weekly Collection Total for 10/11/26:	\$3,839.00
YTD Budgeted Weekly Collection Income**	\$49,725.00
YTD Actual Weekly Collection (10/11/26)	\$51,615.61

* Not included in Collection Total

** Does not include income from festival

Bible Study on the Book of Daniel

Come join Fr. Kubista as we study the Book of Daniel. Classes started early October and will go until finished with the Book. Class is on Tuesdays from 7:15pm to 8:30pm. If you miss a class, there will be handouts so you don't need to be at every class. Come and learn more about this interesting person in the Old Testament.



October is the Month of the Holy Rosary

October is designated by the Catholic Church as the "Month of the Rosary" because in this month the Church celebrates the Marian advocacy of "Our Lady of the Rosary" (also known as Our Lady of Victory) on Oct. 7th, which marks the victory of the Battle of Lepanto in 1571. Traditionally, the month is used to honor Mary and meditate on the mysteries of the Rosary.

From Archbishop Hebda: I ask all people of good will to join me in praying for Pope Leo and Bishop Kenney, along with all who are living with difficult diagnoses, their loved ones, and their care teams. Through the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes, may our loving God grant them healing and comfort.

Parish Events

- Oct 17th/18th – World Mission Sunday
- Oct 20th at 7:15pm – Parish councils meet
- Oct 21st at 6:30pm – Faith Formation resumes
- Oct 27th at 7:15pm – Bible Study on Daniel
- Oct 28th at 6:30pm – Faith Formation
- Nov 1st – Donut Sunday after Mass
- Nov 1st at 10am – Confirmation Retreat

Second Collection on Oct 17th/18th for World Mission Sunday

– Join Catholics around the world to pray and offer support for the missionary life of the church. Your financial gift will go to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith which is the official worldwide Catholic network of mission cooperation enabling the Gospel of Jesus Christ to reach the ends of the earth and Catholic Home Missions. Thank you for joining in this central work of the Church!

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! Please contact Sue Broll at 763-213-7923.

Condolences to the family of Greg Theisen whose funeral Mass was celebrated on October 16th at St Mary. May God grant him eternal rest.

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, 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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